



# SPIRIT LAKE TRIBE

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SPIRIT LAKE TRIBE

FROM: LAYNE MILLER, BSN, RN INCIDENT COMMANDER *lm*

SUBJECT: MASK MANDATE FOR ALL SPIRIT LAKE TRIBAL BUILDINGS INCLUDING BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, AND CASINO

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2021

The health and safety of all Spirit Lake community members, employees, and guests is our number one priority.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that genetic variants of the SARS-Cov-2, including the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant are now circulating around the world. The CDC has identified Benson County as an area of substantial risk of transmission. A substantial number of Spirit Lake tribal members, tribal government employees, and employees of tribal-owned business travel to and from Benson County.

Effective today, all individuals, vaccinated and unvaccinated will be required to wear a mask in all tribal, government, and tribally-owned businesses in designated indoor public areas during a time of substantial and high transmission. All unvaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks in indoor public areas regardless of transmission level. As a reminder masks are always encouraged in low and moderate transmission for vaccinated individuals. Enforcement of masks can occur in all transmission levels if there is substantial risk of transmission of cases.

Any residential public service by tribal or government personnel requires a mask.

We will continue to monitor the situation due to the fact that there is little known about the Delta variant. The CDC is confident that the delta variant is more contagious than the other COVID-19 variants.

- It has an incubation period of four days, making it more contagious than the original version, which has a six-day incubation period.
- Those infected with delta infect an average of six-people, compared with the four-person infections rate of the original version.
- Delta has caused at least 92% of new infections in the U.S.

Again, the health and safety of our community, employees, and guests are our number one priority. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.